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THE ST. GEORGE'S CLUB.

[The following papers, loaned to the Society by Mr. Clarence Blair Mitchell, of New York City, a member, for publication in the *Magazine*, give the history of the formation and *modus operandi* of a club organized in St. George's Parish, Dorchester, just after the Revolution. In many sections of South Carolina similar clubs were organized during the first and the five or six succeeding decades after the Revolution—all evidences of the broad culture and wealth of the people of South Carolina.]

[1.]

We the Subscribers do agree to form ourselves into a Jockey Club for the encouragement of a good breed of Horses in this State (Jan^{ry}. 7th. 1786)

Laurence Sanders	John Glaze
Rich ^d . Wainwright	Tho ^s . Waring
Benj ^a . L Perry	Arch ^d . Saltus
Joseph Waring	W ^m . Russel
Dav ^d . Oliphant	Benj ^a . Waring
Morton Waring	Dan ^l . Stewart
Ralph Izard	Peter Waring
Walter Izard	Benj ^a . Stead
Arth ^r . Middleton*	Isa Walter
Tho ^s . Waring Sen ^r .	Jn ^o . Smith Waring*
W ^m — Moultrie Jun ^r .	W ^m . Fishborne
Jn ^o . Postell So. T.	Peter Smith
W ^m . R— Davis	Wade Hampton
Jn ^o . Mayrant	Jn ^o . Mathews
Nath ^l . Farr	W ^m . Postell
Tho ^s . Gadsden	Abr ^m . Ladson
John Vanderhorst	Geo: Evans

*Scatched out.

Tho^s. Smith
W^m. Blake

Joseph Slann
Benj^a. Singelton
—— Lawson¹

The following Rules & regulations agreed to be observed

- 1st— Each Member to pay two Guineas into the hands of the Treasurer on or before the day of racing in every Year by the hour of Eleven in the Morning & in case of default to pay double—
- 2^d— The Annual meeting of the Club to be held at the most convenient public House in or near Dorchester on the Monday preceeding the Races in every Year when the Officers for the follow^s Year are to be chosen & such other Rules & regulations as may be thought proper are to be made, if not less than Eleven Members are present,
- 3^d— Every Person who may apply to be admitted a Member of this Club shall be ballotted for at any meeting of the S^t. George's Hunting Club on the first Saturday in any Month, provided there are not less than Eleven Members of this Club present, the majority of Votes to determine the election—
- 4th— Any Person desirous to withdraw his Name as a Member of this Club, may be permitted to do so on paying to the Treasurer at the Annual meeting Two Guineas for the Purse on the following Year—
5. No Horse to start for unless the Rider is dressed in a riding Waistcoat, Leather Breeches, Leather Boots, or half Boots & a Jockey Cap of Silk or Velvet, and at the first Annual Meeting the Members are to make choice of their different dresses & make the same known to the Clerk & Stewarts, but if two Members shou'd fix on the same dress then the choice to be determined by ballot—

¹This is not the original paper bearing the autograph signatures, which accounts for the improper spelling of several names and the omission of Lawson's first name.

Rule 6th. Any Horse carrying over his weight the same shall be publicly declared by the Stewarts before starting the Horses—

7th— The Members are to dine together at every annual meeting & the expence paid by the Treasurer out of any Monies in his hands belonging to the Club, & The Members are also to dine together on the first day of the Races at their own expenses, but such as may be absent are only to pay a proportion of the dinner & not for Liquors— No Person to dine with the Club but a Member, unless they belong to a different State & introduced by a Member—

8th. The Stewarts are always to provide the dinners, & procure a set of the Racing Calender, which shall be produced by the Clerk at every Annual Meeting & Days of Racing, but never to be lent out—

9th. Such Horses as are to run must be entered with the Clerk & Stewarts on the Monday preceeding the Races, & producing at the same time an attested Certificate from under the hands of the Breeder, unless the age can be properly vouched for by a Member of the Club—

10th— None but a Member to be allowed to enter a Horse, and shou'd that not be his own property, he must receive the whole benefit of the Purse shou'd he win it & declare that no other person is to receive any part thereof—

Rule 11th. Any Person withdrawing his Name & afterwards becoming a Member, he shall at same time pay up all his arrears of the Annual Subscription—

R. 12th. The Races to commence on the second Thursday in December of every Year over the nearest Course to Dorchester & no Horses to be allowed to run in partnership—

13th. If the Money Subscribed shou'd not be sufficient to divide into two Purses, the Horses shall then run two Mile Heats, but if the sum be sufficient for two Purses, the same shall be devided as the Members shall determine at their Annual meeting, & the first Purse shall be three Mile Heats, the second Purse two Mile Heats only free for Colts under Six Years old carrying w^t. as follows—

Aged Ten Stone	140—
6 y ^{rs} — old Nine Stone ten pounds	136—
5 y ^{rs} — old Nine Stone two pounds	128—
4 y ^{rs} — old Eight stone four pounds	116—
3 y ^{rs} — old seven stone four pounds	102
2 y ^{rs} — old Six stone	84

Mares & fillys to be allowed three pounds

Dav^d. Oliphant, Jn^o. Glaze & B. Waring Stewarts

Tho^s. Waring Treasurer—

Laurence Sanders Clerk—for the present Year—²

[2.]

List of the Members of S^t. George's Club

Viz^t—

- No- 1—p^d—Ralph Izard Jun^r—
- 2—p^d—Captⁿ- Bⁿ- Waring—
- 3—p^d—Jn^o. Glaze
- 4—p^d—Walter Izard
- 5—p^d—Laurence Sanders
- 6—P^d—Jos: Waring—
- 7—P^d—Jn^o. Waring Jun^r—
- 8—p^d—W^m- Postell
- 9—p^d—Doct^r- Oliphant
- 10—p^d—W^m- Blake

²There is among the papers loaned by Mr. Mitchell another copy of these rules and regulations, on a separate sheet of paper, dated "April 6th.. 1786", and endorsed "Rules S^t- Georges parish Club".

- 11—p^d—Peter Waring—
- 12—P^d—Morton Waring
- 13—p^d—Dan. Stewart
- 14—P^d—John Ioor — —
- 15—p^d—Benj: Stead
- 16—P^d—Tho^s. Waring Jun^r.
- New Members—17——Alex^r. Keith
- 18—P^d—Rich^d. Weinwright-
- 19 P^d—Doct^r. Perry—
- 20 P^d—Abr^m. Ladson
- 21 P^d—W^m. Moultrie
- 22—P^d—Archbl^d. Salters
- 23 P^d—Tho^s. Smith
- 24 P^d—Math^r: Hutchinson
- 25—Arh^r. Middleton-
- 26—Geo: Evans
- 27—Tho^s. Waring Sen^r.
- 28.—John Mathews—
- 29. Isaac Walter—

Rules & regulations to be observed by the Members of
S^t. George's Club—Viz^t—

Slann's old F^d. May 27-1784³

- 1— Club to be on the first Saturday of every Month—
- 2— —No Person to be admitted a Member of this Club
unless he has the Votes of two thirds of the Mem-
bers present, to be propos'd one Club day & Bal-
lotted for the Next—
- 3— Any member neglecting to fine in his turn on hav-
ing three days Notice shall pay the expenses of
the Members present at a Tavern, provided such
expences does not exceed three Dollars for each—
It was propos'd & agreed that Mess^{rs}. Ralph Izard,

³These are evidently the rules and regulations of the hunting club
mentioned in Rule 3. of the racing club above.

Dan: Stewart & Jn^o. Glaze be and they are hereby appointed & required to fix on a spot for a Club House & that such place as they may think proper to appoint shall be Binding on this Club—

Articles for the use of the Club—

1 doz Pewter dishes of different Sizes
 3 doz. d^o- Shallow plates
 6 Setts Knives & forks, 1 dz pewter spoons
 2 Large Oznab^s- table Cloths
 6 Oznab^s- Towels
 1 doz Glass Tumblers
 2 doz Wine Glasses
 1 Large Trunk—

To be furnish'd on each Club day
 a Barb^d- Lamb or Shoat as the Season may suit
 1 Round of Beef or Beef Stakes
 1 Ham, 1 Turkey, 6 Fowls
 1 Loaf Sugar, Bread, Rice
 1 doz Wine, 3 Gallⁿ. Rum, 100 Limes
 ½ Gallⁿ- Brandy
 Pipes & Tobacco or 100 Segars

[3.]

Members of the Club of St- George's

M^r. R. Izard the first Saturday in June. found.
 M^r. Benjⁿ. Waring the first Saturday in July. found
 M^r. Keith the first Saturday in August. found
 M^r. Weinwright the first Saturday in Septemb^r- found
 Doct^r.. Perry the first Saturday in October. found
 M^r. Tho^s. Smith the first Saturday in November. found
 M^r. Moultrie the first Saturday in December. found
 M^r. Salters the first Saturday in January. found
 M^r. Ladson the first Saturday in February. found
 M^r. M. Hutchinson the first Saturd^y- in March. found

Mr. Middleton the first Saturday in April f^d-
 Mr. Geo: Evans the first Saturday in May. f^d-
 Mr. Tho^s. Waring Town first Saturd^y- in June f^d-
 Mr. John Mathews. first Saturday in July f^d-
 Mr. Isaac Walter. first Saturd^y- in August p^d-
 Mr. Tho^s. Gadsden first Saturday in Septemb^r-

List of the Members of the Club of S^t-Georges who has paid up their Arrears due to the Club & House

	2 Dolls	3 Dolls
Mr: Ralph Izard.....	P ^d	Paid-
Cap ^t : B- Waring.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Mr. John Glaze.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Mr. Walter Izard.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Laurence Sanders.....		P ^d -
Mr: Joseph Waring.....		P ^d -
Mr. John Waring Jun ^r		P ^d -
Mr. W ^m - Postell.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Doct ^r : Oliphant.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Mr. W ^m Blake.....		P ^d -
Mr.. Peter Waring.....		P ^d -
Mr. Morton Waring.....		P ^d -
Mr. Dan ^l - Stewart.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Mr. John Ioor.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Mr. Benj ⁿ - Stead.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Tho ^s . Waring Jun ^r ..		P ^d -
Rich ^d - Weenwright.....		P ^d -
Doct ^r .. Perry.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Abra ^m : Ladson.....		P ^d -
W ^m . Moultrie.....		P ^d -
Arch ^d - Salters.....	P ^d : d ^r 1 Doll ^r	P ^d -
Tho ^s . Smith.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Math ^s .. Hutchinson	P ^d	P ^d -
John Mathews.....	P ^d	P ^d -
Tho ^s Waring town.....	P ^d	P ^d -